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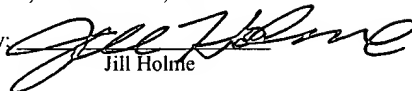
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Dear Sir:

Further to the Patent Application filed in the above-identified case on August 31, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks prior to calculation of any fees due herewith.

AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the specification as filed with the attached replacement specification (a clean version and a marked-up version are attached).

In the claims:

Please amend claims 12 and 17 as follows (a marked up copy of the claims is attached):